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Surrenders at Police Headquarters Hour Later—He Is Held By City Court, Probably For Examination Into Sanity.

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Miss Stafford's assailant, who is be-lieved mentally unbalanced, covering himself with his pistol, made his es-cape from neighbors who flocked into the house following the shooting. An hour later, at 8:35, he surrendered at police headquarters.

"See this pistol," he asked Captain John Regan, at the police station. "Well, I've just killed a woman with that."

"What for?" demanded Regan. "I don't know," replied Byrnes, who lapsed into silence, and thereafter re-fused to talk. He surrendered the weapon, of .38 caliber, and consented readily to be locked in a cell.

While surgeons were attending Miss Stafford at her home, Byrnes was ar-raigned in the city court before Judge F. A. Bartlett, and remanded 24 hours, without bail, on the charge of assault with intent to kill. He will likely be as-sessed by alienists.

Byrnes has been regarded as ec-centric for several years, but he was not considered dangerous. Since Sun-day his attitude towards Mrs. Stafford had been unbalanced. Ordinarily he was regarded as one of the family for he had been a boarder in the Stafford home for many years. When his own wife died he lived in Trumbull, where he was a landscape gar-dener at the J. W. Noyes place, the Star Farm. Mrs. Stafford, with her family, moved to the Trumbull home to become his housekeeper.

When Byrnes left his employment at the Noyes farm, he removed to Bridgeport with the Staffords. Mrs. Stafford died something over a year ago, and since then the household has comprised Mrs. Flint, Miss Stafford and Byrnes.

Sunday evening Miss Stafford re-turned home escorted by a young man. Byrnes remonstrated, after his depar-ture, but his words were regarded merely as part of the eccentricities that of late have characterized his con-duct towards the other members of the household. He is said to have threatened to kill Miss Stafford and the young man if he saw them to-gether.

This morning Miss Stafford was seated at breakfast with her aunt when Byrnes entered the dining room. He stood back of Miss Stafford for some minutes, then suddenly, without warning, slipped out the pistol and fired. It was apparent that he aimed at her head. She fell, with a scream, and the cries of her aunt, and the report of the pistol brought Frank A. Russell and his son, Frank C. Russell, from the apartment house nearby.

Byrnes covered the elder Russell with his pistol, threatening to shoot if he was molested, then backed out of the house and ran out of sight, through the garden to the west of St. Vincent's hospital.

Telephone messages to police head-quarters brought the ambulance corps, detectives and policemen quickly to the scene. Ambulance Surgeon W. W. Walden found that Miss Stafford had sustained only a flesh wound, and he left her in care of her family phy-sician, Dr. J. W. Wright. The police took up the search for Byrnes, but they had not succeeded in picking up his trail before he volunteered to give himself up at headquarters.

Miss Stafford is prominent in the church work of St. Patrick's parish, and is widely known for her ability as a singer. She is about 33 years of age. News of the murderous attack shocked the North End.

Byrnes is regarded as an expert landscape gardener. He has been em-ployed at various times, on many ex-tensive estates. The late Collins P. Huntington, the Burden family of Troy, and other rich families have employed him. His last work was the laying out of beautiful gardens at the Noyes farm, in Trumbull. Byrnes is said to have considerable means. He is 35.

Bicyclist Run Down By Auto Near Park

While driving his automobile out of Seaside park, by way of the Park avenue entrance, at 11 o'clock this morning Dr. Maurice Moscovitz, 1080 Main street, ran down Tony Politti, aged 20, who was riding along Walde-mere avenue on a bicycle. Politti received a few minor bruises and was treated at the Emergency hospital. The accident was unavoidable and no arrests were made.

PRESIDENT AND LANSING STUDY NOTE ON ARABIC

Maintain Silence in Latest Development of Question of Submarines.

Washington, Sept. 10.—President Wilson and his advisers began con-sideration today of Germany's note explaining the sinking of the White Star liner Arabic. The text of the memorandum, as received from Berlin in press dispatches, was published to-day. Officials refused to make any comment pending a complete study of the official note forwarded by Am-bassador Gerard.

The newspaper text, which stated that Germany refused to admit obli-gation to pay indemnity for Ameri-can lives lost, even if it should de-velop that the submarine commander was in error in thinking the Arabic meant to ram him, was widely com-municated.

Previous dispatches had stated that Germany would offer to submit the matter of reparation to The Hague. Intimations that followed from high officials here that such a proposal would be acceptable. However, there had been no suggestion at that time of any proposition to arbitrate on the question of the submarine's right to torpedo a liner under circumstances described in the Arabic note.

STREMLAU AGAIN IS PRESIDENT OF STATE LABOR MEN

New Haven, Sept. 10.—Julius Stremlau, of Meriden, was re-elected president of the Connecticut Federa-tion of Labor today unanimously, and similar re-elections were given to Jasper McLevy, of Bridgeport, as first vice president, and Sol Sontheimer, of Hartford, as second vice pres-ident.

A contest developed over the third vice presidency.

DAVIS LEAVES HIS ENTIRE ESTATE TO WIDOW AND CHILD

In his will offered for probate today Samuel T. Davis, Jr., late president of the Locomobile Company of America leaves half his estate to his widow, Lorena Davis, and the other half to be divided between his widow and his daughter, Irene. The amount of the estate is not estimated in the will nor is any distribution arranged by specifically setting aside any por-tion of the estate. The trustees of the Trust Co. of New York city and Mrs. Davis are named as executors of the estate. Mr. Davis' holdings of stock in the Locomobile Company of Amer-ica, jewelry, automobiles, etc., are thought to be large. He but had re-cently purchased a handsome home in Fairfield.

After directing that one half of his estate shall go to his widow if she survives him 30 days, Mr. Davis di-rects that the other half be held in trust for his widow and his daugh-ter. Mrs. Davis is to receive all the income of this half until his daughter is 22 years old. If Mrs. Davis dies first all this half is to go to the daugh-ter.

This portion of the estate is to go to the children of the daughter if she dies before she becomes 22 or if she leaves no children, to the natural heirs of Mr. Davis. The trustees of this portion of the estate, Mrs. Davis and the Farmers Loan and Trust Co. of New York, are to have sole control in making payments from the in-come of the estate. A bond of \$100 has been filed in the probate court.

CITY'S SPIKE BITER JAILED FOR THEFT

John Spinello, who bites from nails and spikes in half at various enter-tainments about town, was arraigned before Judge Frederic A. Bartlett in city court today, charged with the theft of a bicycle from George J. Katz of Pembroke street. It was also alleged that he had stolen \$50 from the garage of Harry Ford on Stratford avenue while recently employed there. No convicting evidence was presented in the latter charge and a nolle was entered. Spinello was fined \$7 and costs and sentenced to 15 days in jail on the first charge.

OTHER FOREIGN DIPLOMATS MAY FOLLOW DUMBA

Recall of Austrian Ambassador, Sought By United States, May Involve Others in Germanic Official Circles—Messenger Used By German Military Attache—State Department and Dumba Both Withhold Comment.

Washington, Sept. 10.—President Wilson's request to Aus-tria to recall her ambassador, Dr. Constantin Theodor Dumba, has brought a situation which contains possibilities of extend-ing to other diplomats of the Germanic allies.

Dr. Dumba used James J. Archibald, an American, as a messenger to carry a communication to the Austrian foreign office.

Although it has not been called of-ficially to the attention of this gov-ernment, the state department under-stands unofficially that Archibald also carried a communication for Captain Von Papen, military attache of the German embassy.

Secretary Lansing said today that the American government regarded the sending of any communication in the manner in which Dr. Dumba used an akuse of an American pas-sport. While officials refused to dis-cuss the situation further, it is known that the activities of Consul General Von Nuber, as well as those of Count

BOY BURGLARS LOOT CASH DRAWER, THEN BUY BASEBALL GLOVES FROM THEIR VICTIM WITH HIS OWN COIN

Taking advantage of the fact that yesterday was a Jewish holiday and the notion stole of Jacob Katzen at 326 Pine street was closed for the day, John Parebek, aged 8, of 326 Pine street, Paul Parebek, aged 11, same address, and John Toth, aged 11, of 304 Pine street, gained entrance through the back door of the store and rifled the cash drawer of its con-tents. The cash taken amounted to \$3.46 which was divided between the three boys.

When the store was opened for business last evening the boys pur-chased from Katzen three baseball gloves with part of the money they had stolen. Katzen later became sus-picious of the three youngsters and the matter was reported to the police.

GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE TAKEN FRENCH TRENCH

Struggle in Vosges Favors Teutonic Allies—Swiss Border Closed.

Berlin, Sept. 10.—French troubles near Schrammanna and Hartmannsweilerkopf, in the Vosges, have been captured by German troops, army headquarters officially announced to-day.

Swiss Frontier Closed
Geneva, Sept. 10.—The Austrian government yesterday ordered the closing of the Swiss frontier. Apparently the order was due to movements of troops in the Tyrol towards the Italian frontier.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN VICTORY CLAIMED AT PETROGRAD

London, Sept. 10.—The Russian victory at Tarnopol, eastern Galicia, has been followed by another effective blow at the Austrians at Trembowla, 20 miles further south.

In the combined actions more than 15,000 prisoners have been taken, ac-cording to Petrograd's report. As was the case at Tarnopol, the Rus-sians were unable to follow up the advantage gained at Trembowla, owing to their inferiority in artillery, and the Austrians were not pushed beyond the line of the war trench.

Basing its judgment on reports that the Germans are fortifying themselves strongly in the vicinity of Vilna, to-gether with the trend of events on the southern wing of the eastern front, and the slow progress of the Teutonic center, the British feeling is that the cessation of Austro-German offensive in the east may be at hand.

THEFT CASE NOLLED

A nolle was entered in the case of Rudolph Smuleg, 448 Bunnell street, arraigned in city court today, charged with the theft of \$10 from Stephen Yansick, of the same address. Evi-dence to warrant a conviction was lacking and Smuleg was released.

MESSANGER BOY HIT BY AUTO

Ernest Goodreau, aged 15, a mes-senger boy, living at 45 Harriet street, while riding a bicycle on Stratford avenue near Edwin street early last evening was struck by an automobile driven by Ira Hubbs, of 695 Warren street. Goodreau received several minor lacerations about the body and was removed to Bridgeport hospital in the car of Mr. Hubbs. He was dis-charged this morning. Hubbs reported the matter to the police but was not held.

STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR OFFICIALS IN CITY TO PROBE RAILROADING IN STRIKE CASES

CITY WAS GIVEN THOROUGHFARE IN PEARSALL ESTATE

Selectmen When Deal Was Made Recall Incidents of the Transfer.

TRADED OLD ROAD FOR RIGHT OF WAY

Henry Lee Recalls Incident During His Terms As Selectman.

Former Mayor Lee, who was a se-lectman under the old town govern-ment system of Bridgeport back in 1885-1887, recalled distinctly, to a Farmer reporter today, the circum-stances of the trading to the town of Bridgeport, by the late Thomas W. Pearsall, of a right of way which a son of the deceased Black Rock sum-mer resident now has closed to the city.

Mr. Lee said that in these days there was a highway extending through the Pearsall property, con-siderably east of the shore and in a comparatively straight line, extending from Fairfield avenue to the water front.

The elder Pearsall agreed in ex-change for the highway, to open not only property near St. Mary's-by-the-Sea as a highway, but to extend the thoroughfare clear around Grovers hill, a thoroughfare that now has been closed.

Mr. Lee said that so doubt Robert Weller, who served as selectman, would recall the deal, also Henry W. Lyon, former assistant selectman, now a manufacturer, who served as clerk of the board in those days.

Joseph Smith, one of the most ex-tensive property owners in Black Rock and one of the oldest residents there, declared today that no property owner in that section had any right to fence off parts of the beach property along St. Mary's-by-the-Sea and that a road had been maintained and was recog-nized as a public highway there for more than 50 years.

Mr. Smith has driven horses down to this beach for many years to gather oysters and clams, and to fish. He has also driven there for loads of the white sea sand and to gather wagon loads of pebbles which he used in his building operations. The right of way to the beach there has never been questioned until about ten days ago when P. S. Pearsall fenced the road. A petition signed by Thomas Smith and many others has been filed with the common council and a public hear-ing to determine whether or not the road leading to this seaside chapel is a public highway, has been set for the night of September 20.

The property was originally own-ed by George Wells. He had title to a big tract extending from Black Rock harbor westerly to Ash creek at the time that the Black Rock dis-trict was a part of Fairfield. It is necessary to search land transfers in the town records of both Bridgeport and Fairfield to determine just when the transfer was made and what rights were granted.

The residents of Black Rock dis-trict who declare Mr. Pearsall has no right to close the street are not de-pending on any land transfer records but rather on a statute which says if an owner does not claim adverse rights in a property, but permits it to be used as a public highway for fifteen years, then that property be-comes a public highway. The road-way became a public highway when in use for more than 50 years accord-ing to old residents of that district.

This sums up the report presented today to the British Association by a special committee appointed to study the effects of the war on credit and finance.

The committee expressed the opinion that Great Britain would emerge from the war in a better position than the other belligerents, as the latter ap-parently are not taking any part of the cost of the war or interest on war loan out of current revenues. Never-theless, the war will certainly place this country in a disadvantageous po-sition, the committee finds, as compared with the United States.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and probably Satur-day; not quite so warm tonight. Light to moderate west winds.

City Court Trials of Crane Co. Prisoners Investi-gated By President of State Organization and Assistants—They Call on Mayor Wilson.

ACT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS OF THE FEDERATION'S STATE CONVENTION

Powerful Organization is Determined That Justice Shall Be Done, and That Prisoners Be Given Opportunity of Fair Trial in City Tribunal.

(Special to The Farmer)

New Haven, Sept. 10.—Julius Stremlau, president of the Connecticut State Federation of Labor and R. C. Cunningham, secretary, went to Bridgeport today and began an investigation into the railroading of two Crane Co. strikers through the city court to the county jail.

A conference was held with Mayor C. B. Wilson, the pur-pose of which was to get facts concerning the details of the court proceedings.

Mayor Wilson and the State Federation leaders conferred many minutes. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Wil-son refused to issue a statement.

The officials were sent here by the State Federation of Labor, as a result of the meeting yesterday afternoon. They were ordered to make a full investigation of the Crane Co. cases.

The object of the investigation is to see that justice is done. Already the interest of the Federation has had the effect of getting one of the prisoners' bail reduced and released, under an appeal.

The Canfield Rubber Co. strike was settled and the em-ployes will return to work Monday. The 48 hours work, 55 hours pay and recognition of a committee to review griev-ances were granted to the strikers.

The Star Shirt Co. will attempt to reopen the factory Mon-day with a few employees.

No changes were recorded at the freight houses and the Siemon Hard Rubber Co.

The American Graphophone Co. employees at a mass meet-ing this morning were optimistic that the strike will be of little duration.

Reports from pickets at the plant of the American Chain Co. show that imported strike breakers, apparently dissatisfied with conditions here are leaving there daily. The company is not making any effort to replace these men, according to in-formation available at strike headquarters today.

An open air meeting was held this noon by the machinists at the Baird Machine Co. The plant is working 55 hours a week. Recently the change was made from 60 to 55.

A committee called upon the officials of the Burns & Bas-sick Co. this morning but their demands were neither refused nor granted. F. C. Bassick, treasurer of the concern said this afternoon that the matter is in abeyance as E. W. Bassick, the president, is out of town.

SALT'S STRIKERS ISSUE STATEMENT OF PROTEST; ALLEGE SHOP TYRANNY

French Weavers Say They'd Prefer Working in Lyons Mills, in France, to Bridgeport Mills Under Con-ditions Imposed By the Factory Management—Unseen Influence Moves Police to Discriminate, They Claim Warn Pickets to Use Every Precaution.

A mass meeting called at Sadler's hall on Willard street this morning to protest against statements published by the Salt's Textile Co., brought forth nearly 400 indignant workers who contributed both financial and moral support to the strike.

The Salt's officials were accused in speeches of falsifying certain condi-tions set forth in their statement, uti-lizing a month when more work is done in the factory than at any other time as a wage basis, moving to this city from England because they could not do with labor in England what they have been able to do here and of prob-ably being responsible for the importa-tion of 20 French families into this country in defiance of the federal sta-tutes.

A picket system will be instituted at the Salt's mills Monday morning fol-lowing reports that the company is beginning to employ hands to replace those who are now on strike. As a precaution against violence, which is feared in some quarters from the many nationalities that stand united in their demands upon the factory, leaders cautioned every one to act with judg-ment and to obey the police in minor details.

Thomas F. McMahon, organizer of the United Textile Workers, who has had charge of the strike here, today issued statements denying those of the company that agitators had be-gun the strike, averring that the strike is but a culmination of grievances against supervisors rather than a wage

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